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H. CON. RES. 147

Expressing the sense of Congress that a postage stamp should be issued
commemorating Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALLEN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that a postage stamp
should be issued commemorating Joshua Lawrence
Chamberlain.

Whereas Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, born in 1828 in
Brewer, Maine, was an outstanding soldier, educator,
statesman, and author during his long and distinguished
career;

Whereas Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain was the living em-
bodiment of Maine character, grit, and courage;

Whereas Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, as Colonel of the
10th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment, contributed
greatly to the Union victory at Gettysburg by his heroic
defense of Little Round Top on July 2, 1863;

Whereas Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, as Major General of the Third Brigade, Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac, was selected by Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant to preside over the formal surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia on April 12, 1865, and rendered a salute to the defeated adversary that symbolized hope for the reconciliation of North and South;

Whereas Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, as commander of the militia, displayed great statesmanship in averting civil conflict without resort to arms during the 1880 election crisis in Maine;

Whereas Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain was a progressive educator who inaugurated a “new Elizabethan age” of learning as president of Bowdoin College, represented Maine at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial, represented the United States at the Paris Exposition on education, and wrote the classic “The Passing of the Armies”; and

Whereas Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain is a historical figure of national significance: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) a postage stamp should be issued to com-
4 memorate Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain; and

5 (2) the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee of
6 the United States Postal Service should recommend
7 to the Postmaster General that such a postage
8 stamp should be issued.

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